

CALIFORNIA WATER AWARENESS
CAMPAIGN

WATER SCHOLAR 2003



Scholarships available to students entering or attending an accredited 4-year college or university in California interested in a career in the water industry

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Application Form

Name of Student: _____ Grade entering in Fall 2003: _____
Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No.: () _____ Email Address: _____

Name, Address/Phone of high school/junior college: _____

Selected 4-year College/University: _____ Starting date: _____

Address of College/University: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

What is the name of your local water agency? (Please list the complete information -- address/phone/contact person): _____

What is the water agency's source of water (e.g. groundwater, Colorado River, State Water Project, or other)? _____

Who is your state assemblyperson? _____

Who is your state senator? _____



PURPOSE

To provide economic support to graduating high school and junior college students who exhibit an interest, or are actively pursuing a career in the water industry. Each year, the California Water Awareness Campaign (CWAC) grants two scholarship awards in the amount of \$2,500 each.

AWARDS

Each winner will receive a check for \$2,500 made out to the name of the chosen institution. The award can be used for tuition or the purchase of books and class materials.

ELIGIBILITY

Any senior high school or junior high college student entering or attending an accredited four-year college or university in California and who is exhibiting an interest or is pursuing a career in the water industry is eligible. Award recipients are selected without regard to race, color, creed, gender handicap, age or national origin.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must be a California resident. Application form and the following documents will be accepted by the Scholarship Program Committee each year between November 15 and March 15.



High School and/or Junior College transcripts



Two (2) letters of recommendation: Letters of recommendation must be written within the last six months and contain the name of the applicant, comment on the applicant's character and abilities, and an opinion of his/her ability to profit from a college education. A parent/guardian or close relative CANNOT be considered as a reference. The name and occupation of each person writing a letter is required.

If any of these documents are missing, the application will not be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS

CWAC members, in coordination with local senior high schools and junior colleges, will advise learning institutions within their territories of the campaign's scholarship program. Program announcements should be posted in prominent locations at the schools. Application packets can be made available at school administration offices and can be copied for multiple distribution.

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ASSIGNMENTS

Applicants are required to submit one application and two (2) assignments.

Essay -- Written essay on the given water-related topic. Essay should be no less than 300 words and no more than 500 words, typed, double-spaced, with appropriate margins.

Questionnaire -- Complete the Water Scholar 2003 Questionnaire

Only one application per student will be recognized. Second year applicants will be considered.

SUBMITTAL PROCESS

The CWAC Sacramento office will mail program announcements and application packets to the Campaign members, with the request to forward the packets to eligible educational institutions. Students will mail the application form with the completed assignments (essay and questionnaire) to:

Campaign Coordinator, Lynne Wichmann
c/o California Water Awareness Campaign
910 "K" Street, Suite 340
Sacramento, CA 95814-3557

The Scholarship Committee will select two winners and present its selection to the Campaign's Steering Committee for final approval. Winners and participating Campaign members will be contacted by the Scholarship Committee members. The Campaign will contact the schools and retail agencies represented.

SELECTION PROCESS

The applications are evaluated on a grading scale. Points are gained for essay and questionnaire. The Committee will pay close attention to the research documented in the essay and will judge the application for its realistic, practical and creative content and value.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The awards will be presented during the May Water Awareness month activities in Sacramento. Details will be announced in the congratulatory letter sent to the winners.

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Part I

Complete the application form.

Part II

Prepare an essay of (minimum) 300 words, up to 500 (maximum) words, typed, double-spaced with the appropriate margins on the following subject:

How do you see your future in the water industry?

You might want to contact your local water retailer or wholesaler to discuss careers in the water industry and to obtain research material on California's resources. Most water agencies have web sites that can provide you with additional information.

Part III

Please answer the following questions, no more than 100 words per question, on a separate sheet (typed and double-spaced) and attach it to your application form and essay.

Conservation

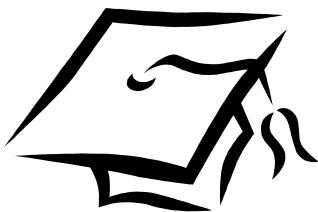
What method of water conservation do you practice (inside/outside your home), and how can you encourage others to conserve water?

Groundwater

What groundwater policy issues is California facing?

Water Quality

What are current water quality issues your local water agency is facing?



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The California Water Awareness Campaign (CWAC) was created in 1987 to educate all Californians about the value of water in everyday life. The Campaign focuses on water quality and conservation in the areas of agriculture, industry, the environment and recreation.

The Water Scholar 2003 program will provide two scholarships to California high school senior and junior college students who demonstrate an interest in water careers and issues and are planning on attending a 4-year college or university. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact:

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